



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Status Reviews of 35 Species in the Southwest

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of reviews; request for information.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are conducting 5-year status reviews under the Endangered Species Act of 35 animal and plant species. A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the last review for the species.

DATES: To ensure consideration, we are requesting submission of new information no later than **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

ADDRESSES: For how to request or submit information, see **Request for Information** and **How Do I Ask Questions or Provide Information?** in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on a particular species, contact the appropriate person or office listed in the table in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. For general information, contact Beth Forbus, by telephone at 505–248–6681; or by email at Beth_Forbus@fws.gov. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Why Do We Conduct A 5-Year Review?

Under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires us to review each listed species' status at least once every 5 years. Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing those species under active review. For additional information about 5-year reviews, refer to our factsheet at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html>.

What Information Do We Consider in Our Review?

A 5-year review considers all new information available at the time of the review. In conducting these reviews, we consider the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the listing determination or most recent status review, such

as:

(A) Species biology, including but not limited to population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics;

(B) Habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;

(C) Conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species;

(D) Threat status and trends in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section 4(a)(1) of the ESA); and

(E) Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

Which Species Are Under Review?

The species in the following table are under active 5-year status review.

ANIMALS						
Common Name	Scientific Name	Listing Status	Current Range	Final listing rule (<i>Federal Register</i> citation and publication date)	Contact Person, Phone, Email	Contact Person's U.S. Mail Address
Braken Bat Cave meshweaver	<i>Cicurina venii</i>	Endangered	Texas	65 FR 81419 12/26/2000	Jeff Humphrey, Field Supervisor, 602-242-0210 (phone) or Jeff_Humphrey@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Ecological Services Office, 9828 North 31st Avenue, #C3, Phoenix, AZ 85051-2518
Chiricahua leopard frog	<i>Rana chiricahuensis</i>	Threatened	Arizona and New Mexico (USA), and Mexico	67 FR 40790 6/13/2002		
Clear Creek gambusia	<i>Gambusia heterochir</i>	Endangered	Texas	32 FR 4001 3/11/1967		
Desert pupfish	<i>Cyprinodon macularius</i>	Endangered	Arizona and California (USA), and Mexico	51 FR 10842 3/31/1986		
Devils River minnow	<i>Dionda diaboli</i>	Threatened	Texas (USA), and Mexico	64 FR 56596 10/20/1999		
Loach minnow	<i>Tiaroga cobitis</i>	Endangered	Arizona and New Mexico (USA), and Mexico	51 FR 39468 10/28/1986		
Mexican spotted owl	<i>Strix occidentalis lucida</i>	Threatened	Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Utah (USA), and Mexico	58 FR 14248 3/16/1993		
Mount Graham red squirrel	<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis</i>	Endangered	Arizona	52 FR 20994 6/3/1987		
Sonora chub	<i>Gila ditaenia</i>	Threatened	Arizona (USA), and Mexico	51 FR 16042 4/30/1986		
Sonoran tiger salamander	<i>Ambystoma tigrinum stebbinsi</i>	Endangered	Arizona (USA), and Mexico	62 FR 665 1/6/1997		
Spikedace	<i>Meda fulgida</i>	Endangered	Arizona and New Mexico (USA), and Mexico	51 FR 23769 7/1/1986		
Three Forks springsnail	<i>Pyrgulopsis trivialis</i>	Endangered	Arizona	77 FR 23060 4/17/2012		
Yuma clapper rail	<i>Rallus longirostris yumanensis</i>	Endangered	Arizona, California, and Nevada (USA), and Mexico	32 FR 4001 3/11/1967		

Northern Aplomado falcon	<i>Falco femoralis septentrionalis</i>	Endangered Nonessential experimental	Texas (USA), Mexico and Guatemala Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas	51 FR 6686 2/25/1986 71 FR 42298 7/26/2006	Chuck Ardizzone, Field Supervisor, 281–286–8282 x26506 (phone) or Chuck_Ardizzone@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas Coastal Ecological Services Field Office, 17629 El Camino Real, Suite 211, Houston, TX 77058
Leopard darter	<i>Percina pantherina</i>	Threatened	Arkansas and Oklahoma	43 FR 3711 1/27/1978	Ken Collins, Acting Field Office Supervisor, 918–382–4510 (phone), or Ken_Collins@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oklahoma Ecological Services Field Office, 9014 East 21st Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74129
PLANTS						
Mesa Verde cactus	<i>Sclerocactus mesae-verdae</i>	Threatened	Colorado and New Mexico	44 FR 62471 10/30/1979	Shawn Sartorious, Field Supervisor, 505–761–4781 (phone) or Shawn_Sartorious@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2105 Osuna Rd NE Albuquerque, NM 87113-1001
Mancos milk-vetch	<i>Astragalus humillimus</i>	Endangered	Colorado and New Mexico	50 FR 26568 6/27/1985		
Sacramento Mountains thistle	<i>Cirsium vinaceum</i>	Threatened	New Mexico	52 FR 22933 6/16/1987		
Sacramento prickly poppy	<i>Argemone pleiacantha</i> ssp. <i>pinnatisecta</i>	Endangered	New Mexico	54 FR 35302 8/24/1989		
Todsen's pennyroyal	<i>Hedeoma todsenii</i>	Endangered	New Mexico	46 FR 5730 1/19/1981		
Arizona cliffrose	<i>Purshia</i> (=Cowania) <i>subintegra</i>	Endangered	Arizona	49 FR 22326 5/29/1984	Jeff Humphrey, Field Supervisor, 602–242–0210 (phone) or Jeff_Humphrey@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Ecological Services Office, 9828 North 31st Avenue, #C3, Phoenix, AZ 85051–2517
Arizona hedgehog cactus	<i>Echinocereus triglochidiatus</i> var. <i>arizonicus</i>	Endangered	Arizona	44 FR 61556 10/25/1979		
Brady pincushion cactus	<i>Pediocactus bradyi</i>	Endangered	Arizona	44 FR 61784 10/26/1979		
Peebles Navajo cactus	<i>Pediocactus peeblesianus</i> var. <i>peeblesianus</i>	Endangered	Arizona	44 FR 61922 10/26/1979		
Texas wild-rice	<i>Zizania texana</i>	Endangered	Texas	43 FR 17910 4/26/1978		
Ashy dogweed	<i>Thymophylla tephroleuca</i>	Endangered	Texas	49 FR 29232 7/19/1984		

Black lace cactus	<i>Echinocereus reichenbachii</i> var. <i>albertii</i>	Endangered	Texas	44 FR 61918 10/26/1979	Chuck Ardizzone, Field Supervisor, 281-286-8282 X26506 (phone) or Chuck_Ardizzone@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas Coastal Ecological Services Field Office, 17629 El Camino Real, Suite 211, Houston, TX 77058
Large-fruited sand-verbena	<i>Abronia macrocarpa</i>	Endangered	Texas	53 FR 37975 9/28/1988		
Navasota ladies-tresses	<i>Spiranthes parksii</i>	Endangered	Texas	47 FR 19539 5/6/1982		
Slender rush-pea	<i>Hoffmannseggia tenella</i>	Endangered	Texas	50 FR 45614 11/1/1985		
South Texas ambrosia	<i>Ambrosia cheiranthifolia</i>	Endangered	Texas	59 FR 43648 8/24/1994		
Star cactus	<i>Astrophytum asterias</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA), and Mexico	58 FR 53804 10/18/1993		
Texas ayenia (Tamaulipan Kidney-petal)	<i>Ayenia limitaris</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA), and Mexico	59 FR 43648 8/24/1994		
Texas prairie dawn-flower	<i>Hymenoxys texana</i>	Endangered	Texas	51 FR 8681 3/13/1986		
Walker's manioc	<i>Manihot walkerae</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA), and Mexico	56 FR 49850 10/2/1991		

Request for Information

To ensure that a 5-year review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. See **What Information Do We Consider in Our Review?** for specific criteria. If you submit information, please support it with documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

How Do I Ask Questions or Provide Information?

If you wish to provide information for any species listed above, please submit your comments and materials to the appropriate contact in the table above. You may also direct questions to those contacts. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Completed and Active Reviews

A list of all completed and currently active 5-year reviews can be found at <https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/species-five-year-review>.

Authority

This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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